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"THE KING OF KINGS, GTU LIBRARY AND LORD OF LORDS"

"It is the day of the Resurrection; let us then make ourselves resplendent for the festival and embrace one another. Let us say, brethren, even to those who do not love us: 'Let all be forgiven in the Resurrection,' and so exclaim: Christ is Risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and bestowing life to those in the tombs."

- Hymn from the Easter Canon



"Already?" Years ago, as a child growing up in an Orthodox Christian home, each year, when our Church entered the season of Great and Holy Lent, I recall asking myself just this question. "Has it been a whole year already?" As we marched through the 40 days of this most blessed time in our Church's ecclesiastical year, I felt a real sense of reluctance, yet excitement; nervousness, yet anticipation; not to mention an insatiable desire to eat whatever I wanted,

while knowing in my heart (if not my belly) the satiation of the soul that comes from fasting. When the journey of Holy Week began, the next question that would enter my mind was one that children ask during a journey- "Are we there yet?" And yet, by the time Saturday night was upon us, and I found myself standing at the Royal Doors as an altar boy, candle in hand, for the Anastasis service, I remember thinking to myself, "There is no other place that I would rather be right now. And there is absolutely nothing on this earth like Orthodox Christian Holy Week."

Since leaving my home almost a decade ago, I have had the privilege of experiencing Orthodox Holy Week in three different places- the school chapel at Holy Cross seminary in Boston, my wife's home parish at Nativity of Christ Church in Novato, and here in San Francisco, at Annunciation Cathedral, where I have often gone through a similar thought process that I did many years ago. And yet, year after year, no matter what joys, challenges or events are happening in my life, I find myself always arriving at the same conclusion. And each year, despite the "joyous fatigue" I feel, I'm ready to do it all over again. I'm certain that this is something very familiar to many of us, children and adults, whether we have been an Orthodox Christian a year or a lifetime.

We have often heard the phrase "Feast of Feasts" to describe Pascha, and truly it is just this. Nowhere else in the history of mankind has a greater triumph ever been celebrated- that is, the victory over death itself! By commemorating and experiencing Christ's life-saving Crucifixion and Resurrection, we celebrate that the King of kings, the Lord of lords Himself (Rev 17:14) came to the earth, and, in taking on flesh, also took on our very weaknesses, in order to reconcile us with our Creator and God. In doing so, we now have an "open door" to the Father, as was expressed really, yet metaphorically, in the curtain of the Temple being torn in two. (Matthew 27:51) We have been saved! We have been rejuvenated! We no longer have to fear death!

This Pascha 2012, let us once again cast aside the weakness of our human condition, the weakness that makes us too weary to fast, to attend services, to question ourselves each year, and allow our hearts and minds to take flight. As we hear in Saint John Chrysostom's homily the night of

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN SURPASSES \$2.3 MILLION

The Capital Campaign has surpassed the \$2.3 million mark, in pledges and gifts, as of March 20, 2012. Of this amount, \$1.5 million has already been contributed, leaving a balance of \$800,000. Donors elect whether to pay all at once, or in installments (monthly, quarterly, or annually) up to five years. The \$2.3 million was raised from 56 donors, as follows: 1 at \$630,000; 1 at \$394,000; 2 at \$150,000; 2 at \$100,000; 1 at \$64,000; 3 at \$50,000; 1 at \$35,000; 1 at \$30,000; 7 at \$25,000; 2 at \$20,000; 1 at \$17,000; 1 at \$18,500; 1 at \$17,500; 4 at \$15,000; 2 at \$12,000; 12 at \$10,000; 1 at \$7,500; 5 at \$5,000; 1 at \$3,000; 1 at \$2,000; and 4 at \$1,000.

Approximately \$1 million has been paid out so far, for architectural, engineering, consultant, and Planning Department fees, leaving a \$5 million balance in the Building Fund. We need \$10 million to build the Cathedral and one level of underground parking, leaving another \$4 million to be raised. We believe this is reasonable, since we have raised over \$2 million from only 10% of the community! Toward this end, the Capital Campaign Committee is calling families and individuals with a view to scheduling visits with Fr. Anthony Scott and/or Fr.

Stephen Kyriacou, Fr. Niko Bekris, along with a member of the Capital Campaign Committee. Father Scott will be at the Cathedral April 23-May 7, 2012. During this time he will coordinate conference calls with committee members, conduct meetings of the Capital Campaign Committee, make visitations, and follow up with prospective donors. In addition, he will get the Legacy and Endowment Program and the Endowment Committee up and running. This will provide for post-construction and programmatic support, for the long-term well-being of the Cathedral. Father Anthony will visit the Cathedral on a monthly basis for one week at a time, generally the first week of each month, through June, 2012.

Meanwhile, we urge parishioners not to wait to be called. We urge them to take the initiative to set up a day and time when it is convenient for them to meet to learn about our project and the timetable for its completion, to participate in the Capital Campaign, to the extent to which they are able, and/or to discuss their participation in the Cathedral's Legacy and Endowment Program. We are blessed indeed that we have been the beneficiaries of those who established the Cathedral community and who have provided for it these past 90 years of its existence. Now it is our turn to step up and declare what we will do for the generations that will follow us, mindful of the words God spoke through Moses, when he said, "Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you." (Exodus 25:8)

KUDOS TO JIM LUCAS AND THE SF BAY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Below is a facsimile of the deed which records the purchase of Annunciation's original property at Hayes and Pierce Streets in San Francisco, a result of the tireless efforts of Jim Lucas to locate documents and photographs pertaining to the Greek community of San Francisco, in general, and the Annunciation Cathedral, in particular. The property was purchased in 1921, when the community was established, and remained the home of the Cathedral until 1928, when the Cathedral relocated to its present site on Valencia Street.

In 1936, the Cathedral changed its name to: The United Greek Orthodox Community of San Francisco, The

Annunciation, and has been known as the Annunciation Cathedral ever since. An effort was made to unite the two Greek parishes in San Francisco at that time, hence the name change. However, the effort was short-lived. The original icon of Saint Sophia and her three daughters, Faith, Hope, and Love, has survived. It is hoped that one day a museum of Hellenic Origins will be established at the Cathedral, displaying this and other artifacts from the earliest days of immigration. Once again, thanks to the SF Greek Historical Society, which is housed at the Cathedral, and which continues the effort of identifying, documenting and preserving the material evidence of our religious and cultural past.

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A few other findings include the following:

6/4/1921 - Escrow closes on the sale of property at Hayes & Pierce Streets. Chris D. Katharios, James G. Glafkides, and C.D. Antoniades (All 3 were St. Sophia founders) purchase property on Hayes & Pierce streets. They purchase all of the lots facing Pierce Street from Hayes to Fell streets.

7/17/1921 - Chris and Mary Katharios, James G. Glafkides, and C.D. Antoniades deed the property they purchased to the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of St. Sophia.

8/2/1921- Ernest and Ella M. Leigh purchase one of the lots for Fr. Philaretos Ioannides, St. Sophia's first priest, to use as his home.

11/15/1922- Escrow closes on the sale of property at Hayes & Pierce Streets. Greek Orthodox Cathedral of St. Sophia sells lot 1B to Ada V. Holly.

1/26/1924- Fr. Philaretos Ioannides was elevated to (the first) Bishop of the Chicago Diocese on June 1, 1923. After his departure he deeded his home back to the people that purchased it for him (E. M Leigh). He gave it back.

12/15/1924- Escrow closes on the sale of property at Hayes & Pierce Streets. Greek Orthodox Cathedral of St. Sophia sells lot 1G to TR Sherman.

4/9/1928- Escrow closes on the sale of property on Valencia Street. Foster & Kleiser Co. sells the Valencia Street Theater to the Saint Sophia community.

1/30/1930- Escrow closes on the sale of property at Hayes & Pierce Streets. Greek Orthodox Cathedral of St. Sophia sells another lot to California Pacific Title Co. California Pacific Title sells the property to Mandas Gross.

5/23/1930- Escrow closes on the sale of property at Hayes & Pierce Streets. Greek Orthodox Cathedral of St. Sophia sells lot 1C to TP Shuman. At this point, all of the lots on Hayes & Pierce streets have been sold off.

7/29/1935- Bank of America files a notice of default and election to sell.

12/3/1935- Escrow closes on the sale of property. Bank of America purchases the St. Sophia church for \$25,000.

12/30/1937- Escrow closes on the sale of property. The United Greek Orthodox Community of San Francisco (The Annunciation) purchases the church back from Bank of America.

POSTER AND KLEISER CO. }
TO } SF Greek Historical Society
THE GREEK-ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF }
SAINT SOPHIA }

THIS INDENTURE, made this 2nd day of April, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-eight, between FOSTER AND KLEISER COMPANY, a corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Nevada, having its principal place of business in California, in the City of San Francisco, County of San Francisco, State of California, party of the first part, and THE GREEK-ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF SAINT SOPHIA, a corporation, party of the second part.

WITNESSETH: That the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00) in Gold Coin of the United States of America, to it, in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, does by these presents grant, bargain and sell, convey and confirm unto the said party of the second part and its successors and assigns forever all that certain real property situate in the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at a point on the Easterly line of Valencia Street, distant thereon fifty (50) feet Southerly from the Southerly line of Clinton Park, running thence Southerly along said Easterly line of Valencia Street ninety (90) feet; thence at right angles Easterly one hundred and eighty (180) feet to the Easterly line of Stevenson Street; thence Northerly along said Easterly line of Stevenson Street ninety (90) feet; and thence at right angles Westerly one hundred and eighty (180) feet to the Easterly line of Valencia Street and the point of commencement. Being a portion of Mission Block No. Twenty-seven (27).

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD all and singular the said premises, together with the appurtenances unto the party of the second part and to its successors and assigns forever, subject to a Mortgage securing two Notes as follows:

ONE Note for TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000.00) made by FOSTER AND KLEISER COMPANY to THE HIBERNIA SAVINGS AND LOAN SOCIETY, dated December 1st, 1926, due in one year; and one Note for FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5000.00) made by Foster and Kleiser Company to The Hibernia Savings and Loan Society, dated December 1st, 1926, payable interest and principal in sixty (60) equal monthly installments of which SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTEEN AND 39/100 DOLLARS (\$113.39) of the principal has been paid to date, leaving a balance of THIRTY-EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX AND 61/100 DOLLARS (\$3886.61).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, FOSTER AND KLEISER COMPANY pursuant to Resolution of its Board of Directors duly and legally adopted has caused these presents to be signed by its Vice-President and Secretary and its Corporate Seal to be hereunto affixed this 2nd day of April 1928.

(Corp. Seal)

FOSTER AND KLEISER COMPANY,
By WALTER F. POSTER, Vice-President.
By A. P. LAMSEN, Jr. Secretary.

State of California,
City and County of San Francisco. } ss.

ON this 4th day of April in the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-eight, before me, Chester Williamson, a Notary Public in and for the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared Walter F. Foster and A. P. Lamson, Jr. known to me to be the Vice-President, and Secretary respectively of the corporation described in and that executed the within instrument, and also known to me to be the persons who executed it on behalf of the corporation therein named, and they acknowledged to me that such corporation exempted the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal at my office in the City and County of San Francisco, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

(Seal)

CHESTER WILLIAMSON, Notary Public,
in and for the City and County of San Francisco, State of California.
My Commission expires December 21, 1929.

Recorded at request of Grantee, Apr. 9, 1928, at 29 min. past 10 A.M.
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Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand
against the anger of my foes, with your right hand
you save me. Psalm 138:7

2012 FOOD FESTIVAL PREPARATION UNDERWAY!

Food festival preparations are underway for 2012! The new festival committee has now had three well-organized, very productive meetings already this year, under the capable leadership of Bob and Lea Lyberopoulos. Thank you to all who have attended these meetings and who have helped at past festivals, as well. The next festival meeting is scheduled for March 28 at 7 pm. If you would like to lend your time and talents to this year's food festival, we invite you to become a part of the planning process. We need everyone's help! Please email Lea and Bob at karthia808@yahoo.com or at grk808@yahoo.com.

BYZANTINE CHANT CLASS NOW OFFERED AT THE CATHEDRAL

Since last November, Byzantine chant classes have been offered once a month by **Mr. Kostas Haralabopoulos**, assisted by his son, **George Haralabopoulos**. Our Cathedral community has been blessed for many years now to have **Mr. Haralabopoulos**, a very accomplished and wonderful chanter, with us on major feast days of our Church, and it is a tremendous blessing to have him teaching to, God willing, our next generation of chanters. To date, four classes have been held, and some 5-8 students have attended the class at a given time. Since February, our community has also been blessed to have a new chanter with us at our services, **Mr. Basil Crow**, the son of an Antiochian Orthodox priest in Rhode Island, who has recently moved to San Francisco. Basil has also taught Byzantine music in the past, and has not only begun attending Mr. Haralabopoulos' class, but has expressed a willingness to tutor prospective students, as well.

Many, many thanks to Mr. Kosta & George, and Basil for their dedication and commitment to this beautiful new program. Classes will resume on Sunday, April 29, in the small conference room on the second floor following Divine Liturgy, and will continue on the third Sunday of every month. For times that Basil is available to work, or any additional information, feel free to contact **George Haralabopoulos** at georgehrlm@gmail.com.

NEW LIGHTING AT THE CATHEDRAL

Since March 1, the Cathedral has enjoyed new lighting in the gym, kitchen, offices, and classrooms. Essentially, the old fluorescent light fixtures were replaced with new ones, featuring new, energy-saving bulbs. This is especially noticeable in the gym. In addition, the hundreds of existing 100-watt reflector bulbs throughout the building were replaced with energy-efficient LED bulbs. These bulbs consume only 17 watts of power, while giving off light much brighter than that given off by the reflectors. All this was accomplished by a grant from PG&E. It cost the Cathedral nothing. Yet, the potential savings is enormous. It is estimated that we should be able to save as much as 20% off our PG&E bill, which currently has been running just under \$5,000. a month. In addition, the life expectancy of the LED fixtures is as much as 40 years. This means a great savings to the Cathedral over the long term.

SAN FRANCISCO SUNDAY STREETS DATES ANNOUNCED

As you may have seen on many occasions in the past, the city of San Francisco organizes outdoor fairs, marathons, and other car-free events in various neighborhoods including the Mission district. These objectives of events such as these are to encourage health and fitness, clean air, and less traffic. That said, there have been times in the past when such events have directly inhibited automobile access to the Cathedral.

After coordinating our efforts with Livable City (a non-profit that sponsors these events), we have asked that the city provide uninhibited routes for cars to enter the church parking lot on days that Sunday Streets is taking place, and we have been guaranteed that we will be given them. Please note the following dates when Sunday Streets will be in the Mission district:

May 6 June 3 July 1 August 5

A street guide will be included in the Herald when we receive it. For more information, feel free to contact that Cathedral office at (415) 864-3000 should you have any questions.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Greetings from Philoptochos! The members of Philoptochos wish all a blessed Pascha and hope the light of Anastasi shines brightly in all our hearts.

Our Philoptochos is growing. This month we welcome new member Maria Nicolacakis.

April and May are busy months for Philoptochos. Our Easter bake Sale is in progress.

We will be busy taking orders and preparing for pickup on Friday, April 13 (from 9am to 5pm) and Saturday, April 14 (from 10am to 2pm)). Please take a moment to fill out the form that will be mailed to you. The form is also in the Herald. Our deadline date for orders is April 8, 2012. We know you will enjoy all the bread, red eggs and koulourakia for your Easter festivities. All proceeds of our bake go to Philoptochos charities which support those in need.

In May we are hosting our Mother's Day Luncheon on May 12, 2012 at the Cathedral. This year's theme "ON BROADWAY" promises to great event as we celebrate and honor Mothers of the Year. Come join us as we present fashions on the runway of the Big Apple. Under the capable hands of Irene Kyriacou and her committee chairs, a lovely day is being planned that you won't want to miss. So put the date on your calendar, ask friends to join you and come enjoy a day of fun, music and fashion.

We would like to thank Anastasia and Marios Stathopoulos for helping underwrite the reception following vespers on March 24, 2012. In addition, our thanks go to Despina Kokalis for her donation to provide the fish for our March 25th luncheon in honor of her late husband Nick. Also, our thanks go to the donation provided by Joy Tamaras in honor of her late husband Nick. May their memories be eternal!

As you can see our Philoptochos light shines brightly with service and leadership.

This quote by Edith Wharton reminds us -

*"There are two ways of spreading light:
to be a candle or a mirror that reflects it."*

Kalo Pascha from all our Philoptochos members!

Patricia Aleck

Philoptochos President

APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE FOR THE CHRISTOS AND GEORGIA TRAKATELLIS FELLOWSHIP

Greetings In additions that to the scholarships that are offered at the Cathedral, applications for the Christos and Georgia Trakatellis Fellowship for the 2012-2013 academic year are now available from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. The deadline to submit applications is April 20, 2012. The Christos and Georgia Trakatellis Fellowship Fund was established in 2011 by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios and his brother, Prof. Antonios Trakatellis in memory of their parents. The purpose of the fund is to offer Fellowships to graduates of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, who are planning to continue their studies in the Greek language, Hellenic culture and liturgical practice. This study could be part of an established Doctoral or Masters level program, or part of a free program, which, however, should be well structured and clearly defined, in view of the above stated purpose of the fund. These studies could take place here in the U.S., or preferably in Greece or the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Constantinople.

Candidates for The Christos and Georgia Trakatellis Fellowship shall be chosen based on "merit" and "need." The amount of the Fellowship is \$3,000 per semester for up to two semesters, totaling \$6,000. One or more full, or partial, Fellowships will be awarded annually.

To obtain an application for the 2012-2013 academic year visit:

<http://www.goarch.org/archdiocese/administration/chancellor/trakatellis>

or contact the Office of the Chancellor of the Archdiocese (scholarships@goarch.org) tel.: (212) 774-0513. The application needs to be completed in full and together with all the necessary documentation, sent to the Chancellor's Office by the April 20, 2012 deadline. Application does not automatically guarantee an award. Each application will be considered individually in conjunction with the supporting documentation provided by each candidate.

A “LINK” TO THOSE IN NEED

Community Link, now in our eighth year of existence, is a group of Annunciation parishioners who meet once a month on a drop-in basis to visit members of our community who may be confined due to illness or age. We travel to hospitals, nursing homes and private residences. Many of those we visit no longer have family or friends to support them and just need to know there is someone who cares. A short visit or phone call can lift one's spirits a great deal. If anyone in the community knows of any other home bound parishioners to add to our list, please contact Pauline Oetzel at poetzel@hotmail.com or 415/586-3411. Community Link will be making visits this month on April 7, the Saturday of Lazarus, beginning in the Cathedral Conference Room at 9 am.

Upcoming Community Link Meetings in 2012:

April 7, May 19, June 16, and July 21.

IONIAN VILLAGE REGISTRATION OPENS FOR SUMMER 2012

Ionian Village, the summer camping ministry of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, is now accepting registrations for its Summer 2012 programs. Operating from a beautiful seafront campsite on western Peloponnesus in Greece, Ionian Village brings its campers and staff into close contact with their faith and heritage as they travel throughout the country to sites of cultural and religious importance. Ionian Village offers two camping sessions: Summer Travel Camp and Byzantine Venture. Registration is open to Greek Orthodox youth who have completed grades 7 through 12. This summer will also see the expansion of the Spiritual Odyssey program, shorter pilgrimage-style trips for young adults ages 19 to 28. Three unique programs are being offered.

For more information about any of the Ionian Village programs, or to participate in this summer's programs, visit www.ionianvillage.org or contact the Office of Ionian Village at (212) 570-3536.

It should be noted that the youth ministries offered by the Archdiocese have now been going (and growing!) for the last fifteen years with rave reviews.

Youth News - April 2012

April Sunday School Korner

March began like a lion with a roar! So many things happening in our classrooms during Lent. Our children are participating in Lenten lessons each Sunday. We encourage parents/grandparents to bring children to Sunday School at 10:30 am each Sunday.

Our Oratorical Festival was a great success! Congratulations to Andrew Curd, Senior Division. Congratulations to all our speakers for a job well done in the Junior Division: Anna Kleinkorte, Haben Yohannes, Kalli Vellis, and Leya Elias. We will send two participants and one alternate to the District Festival on April 1, to be held at Nativity of Christ Church, in Novato.

Our Elementary Division had two students present their speeches, Yonas Tesfai (6) & Haris Manetas (5). All Students in 5th/6th grade wrote speeches in class. Presenting speeches to our community was optional.

April 8th is Palm Sunday. All Sunday School classes will take class photos. Remember to wear your Sunday best!

Calling all Angels! Now is the time for all girls to sign up to be an angel during Holy Week. Please contact Denise Yielding or Mike Canellos for sign ups. Girls in 4th grade and older are eligible for participation. Adults, please consider volunteering to help with our Angels. This is a wonderful tradition at Annunciation.

We invite all families to participate in the services on Easter Sunday. No classes will be held.

Looking ahead... Applications will be available May 1st for Sunday School's Vellis Scholarship.

Denise Yielding
Sunday School Principal

But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. Psalm 13:5

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14th Annual Family Camping Trip

August 3 - August 8

6 days - 5 nights

At Casini Ranch Family Campground
on the Russian River



Experience the beauty and excitement of California's North Coast at Casini Ranch Family Campground, nestled on the historic Russian River. One hundred twenty acres of family fun and a mile of sandy waterfront await you!!! Enjoy hiking, bicycling, volleyball, softball, horseshoes and fishing. Drift along the river in a canoe or just relax on the beach.

Family of 2 persons	\$ 420.00
Family of 3 persons	\$ 450.00
Family of 4 persons	\$ 470.00
Family of 5 persons	\$ 490.00

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- Limit 1 tent per family
 - Price Includes all meals
 - Price does not include tent
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RESERVATIONS AND FEES DUE BY 7/20/12

Late Registration: After July 20th,
Add \$20 per person

Make Checks Payable to: Annunciation

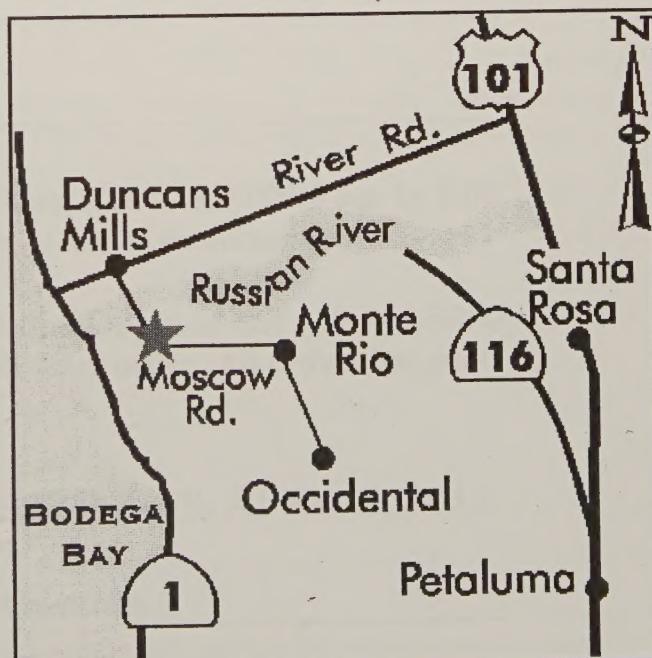
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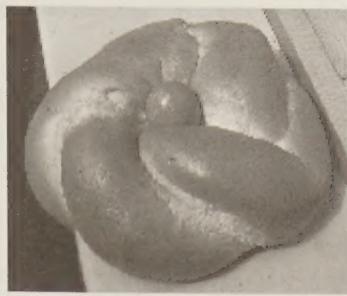
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ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL PHILOPTOCHOS EASTER BAKE - 2012

- PLACE YOUR ORDER NOW -

	No. of Orders	Total
Easter Bread @ \$12.00 each	_____	_____
Koulourakia @ \$7.00 per Doz.	_____	_____
Red Colored Eggs @ \$5.00 per Doz.	_____	_____
TOTAL	\$ _____	

Name _____

Telephone _____

Your order will be ready for pickup on Friday, April 13, (10:00 am to 3:00 pm only) & Saturday, April 14, (10:00 am to 12:00 noon only)

Please return completed form to the Cathedral Office or call 415-864-8000 to place your order. Enclose payment with your order. All orders are pre-paid.

DEADLINE TO PLACE ORDER IS SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2012

Check received _____ Amount: _____

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Pascha, all are welcome at the banquet, regardless of when they came. Yet, like any relationship, the more love, hard work, and effort we put into it, the more we will receive. Our relationship with God is no different.

When the Feast of feasts once again is celebrated on April 15, let us continue celebrating! Not merely Easter Sunday, but the entire week! Even though in America we don't have singing, dancing and feasting in town squares on Orthodox

Easter as they do in Greece, we can still feast with family during Bright Week, go out to dinner with our families or any other kind of celebration we can think of, all the while chanting Χριστός Ανέστη in our hearts and with our voices. As we celebrate the love that the King of kings, our Lord and our God came to personally bring us, let us remember: "It is the day of the Resurrection; let us then make ourselves resplendent for the festival and embrace one another... Christ is Risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and bestowing life to those in the tombs."



Our Oratorical Festival Participants who competed in 2012. Congratulations to each of them!

ALTAR GROUP SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

Many thanks to all the families who have committed to our altar group schedule these last three months. It has been wonderful having each of them in the altar, knowing that it is a wonderful way for any young man to serve the Lord and His Church. Thank you also to **Nektarios McKnight, Manoli Darzins, and Michael Garibaldi** for "coaching" our altar servers each Sunday.

The schedule for the Sundays in April will be as follows:

April 1- Group 1

April 8 (Palm Sunday)- Group 2

April 15 (Pachal Vigil/Anastasis)- All groups welcome!

April 23- Group 3

April 30- Group 4

The altar group rosters are as follow:

Group 1 - Harry Misthos (group leader), Stelio Kyriacou, Kosta Lyberopoulos, Niko Pezo and Demetri Rally

Group 2 - Anthony Obester (group leader), Demetri Kontonis, Bobby Kontonis, Niko Manetas, and Steven Manolakis

Group 3 - Steven Flynn, Clint Flynn (group leaders), Antonio Panagiotopoulos, Steven Panagiotopoulos, Panagiota Sogotis, and Yianni Sogotis

Group 4 - Andrew Nuris, Vasili Loufas (group leaders), Anthony Tadessee, Jonas Tesfai and Nathan Tesfai

As always, if anyone has any questions or suggestions, feel free to let us know. Thanks! ^

Youth Group News

JOY News

On March 13, our Cathedral JOY met at the Sogotis home! As usual, our group played a fun game, had dinner and a discussion with **Father Niko**. We thank Paul and Evangelia for opening their home to us once again this year. For April, JOY will meet at the Rally home, and in May we'll be attending a Giants game! We hope to see you there!

***A reminder that JOY (Junior Orthodox Youth) is open to all youth grades 3-6, and is typically held the second Tuesday of every month ***

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.

I do not give to you as the world gives.

*Do not let your hearts be troubled
and do not be afraid.*

John 14:27

GOYA News

For the month of March, our Cathedral GOYA chose to do a different type of youth event than usual, to reflect the season of Great Lent. Instead of an outing or meeting at someone's home, our GOYA met at the Cathedral on March 23 to attend the Fourth Salutations service, and following the service, met in the Kytherian Room for a potluck dinner and discussion. The event was open to all families of GOYAns, and a wonderful time was had by all.

Future GOYA events will include a trip to the Aquarium, a Giants game, and our usual barbecue/softball game in San Bruno Park, which this year will be held in June. Thanks, as always, to **Katerina Loufas, Harry Misthos, and Manoli Nuris** for their great ideas and help coordinating our events.

*** GOYA (Greek Orthodox Youth of America) is open to all youth grades 7-12, and is typically held the third Monday of the month ***



Young Adult News

As of this month, our young adult group is now into its fourth year of monthly gatherings! Given San Francisco's unique character as a city, and the fact that young adults come from all over the country to find work here, by the grace of God, our group has never had a shortage of new faces and fun activities.

Rather than meet during the end of March, our Cathedral young adult group will meet Friday, April 6, the last Friday before Holy Week, for Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at 6:30 pm. The service will be followed by a Lenten dinner across the street at the Another Monkey Thai restaurant. We hope

to see everyone there, in order to pray together and break bread together during this blessed season of our Church.

*** Our Cathedral Young Adult group is open to all young adults ages 22-35, and typically meets for dinner the last Thursday of every month. ***

***For more information on any of the Cathedral's youth groups, please contact Father Niko Bekris at fatherniko@annunciation.org, or visit our "Youth of Annunciation Cathedral San Francisco Facebook page." ***

** In our article congratulating our dance groups last month, we accidentally omitted Shareen Fousekis' name from the list of directors! Our heartfelt apologies, Shareen. Congratulations, again, for your hard work and achievements this year, as well as for those of all our dance directors, parents, and dancers.**

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SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2012

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11:30 RECEPTION

12:30 LUNCH

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THRIVING CATHEDRAL GREEK SCHOOL CONTINUES

Our Cathedral Greek School program is now nearing conclusion of its fourth year, and has been growing each year! The mission of the program is threefold: 1) to teach our children the Greek language, 2) to explore Hellenic culture, and 3) to connect our Greek-American children and Greek expatriates with the historical and cultural characteristics of Greece. Thanks to the efforts of many hard-working teachers and parents, our Greek School program is now thriving!

We currently offer 4 grade levels with a small teacher-student ratio as follows:

Level 1 (Ages 4-5) taught by **Maria Panostopoulou**
Level 2 (Ages 6-7) taught by **Sotiria Mitrosyli-Bouna**
Level 3 (Ages 7-8) taught by **Lizabeta Koukkou**
Level 4 (Ages 8+) taught by **Paris Apostolopoulos**

This year, there are a total of 30 students enrolled! Classes are held Saturday mornings from 10:00am to 12:00 pm. If you are interested in registering your child for the 2012-2013 academic year, please contact **Pamfilia Zambelis** at pzambelis@yahoo.com.

Also, please note that our Greek Language Program is expanding to include an adult class in this spring! We are currently in the process of assessing potential enrollment, staffing, and comprehension levels. Classes will take place on Saturday mornings, 10:00 to 12:00 noon. Tuition will be set once we have finalized class size. If interested in joining our dynamic class, or have any questions on our Greek School program in general, please contact us at: anna.kapetanakos@gmail.com.

Of note: In a recent article in the New York Times, recent studies have shown that bilingualism not only sharpens cognitive skills of infants, but strong evidence now exists that if an individual has a strong degree of bilingualism, the brain of that individual has a stronger resistance to dementia and Alzheimer's.

More information can be found at:

http://www.nytimes.com/2012/03/18/opinion/sunday/the-benefits-of-bilingualism.html?_r=1

Services & Sacraments At The Cathedral

BAPTISMS

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FUNERALS

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(Eternal memory!)*

A P R I L C A L E N D A R

SUNDAY	MON.	TUESDAY	WED.	THURS.	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Orthros at 9:00 am Sunday School at 10:30 am Divine Liturgy at 10:30 am	2	3	4 Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 10:00 am Basketball Practice	5	6 Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 6:30 pm, followed by Young Adult dinner	7 Saturday of Lazarus, Orthros 9:15 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Greek School at 10:00 am Eritrean School at Noon
8 Palms Sunday Orthros at 9:00 am Sunday School at 10:30 am Divine Liturgy at 10:30 am First Bridegroom Service, 7:00 pm	9 Holy Monday, Bridegroom, 7:00 pm	10 Holy Tuesday, Bridegroom, 7:00 pm	11 Holy Wednesday, Holy Unction, 7:00 pm Basketball Practice	12 Holy Thursday, Vesperral Liturgy, 10:00 am 12 Gospels, 7:00 pm	13 Holy Friday, The Great Hours, 10:00 am The Descent from the Cross, 1:00 pm The Lamentations, 7:00 pm	14 Holy Saturday, Divine Liturgy, 7:00 am Paschal Vigil, 11:00 pm ANASTASIS, Midnight
15 Orthros at 9:00 am Sunday School at 10:30 am Divine Liturgy at 10:30 am HOLY PASCHA, ONLY Agape Vespers, 11:00 am	16	17	18 Basketball Practice	19	20 The Life-Giving Fountain, Orthros, 9:00 am Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am	21 Greek School at 10:00 am Eritrean School at Noon
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PLANS TO GIVE YOU HOPE AND A FUTURE.”

JEREMIAH 29:11



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"The King of Kings, and Lord of Lords"



"It is the day of the Resurrection; let us then make resplendent for the festival and embrace one another, say, brethren, even to those who do not love us: 'Forasmuch as we have been forgiven in the Resurrection,' and so exclaim: 'Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and bestowing life upon us.' - Hymn from the Easter Canon."

"Already?" Years ago, as a child growing up in a Christian home, each year, when our Church entered the season of Great and Holy Lent, I recall asking myself this question. "Has it been a whole year already?" A year through the 40 days of this most blessed time in the ecclesiastical year, I felt a real sense of reluctance, excitement; nervousness, yet anticipation; not to mention

insatiable desire to eat whatever I wanted, while knowing in my heart (if not my belly) of the soul that comes from fasting. When the journey of Holy Week began, the next question that would enter my mind was one that children ask during a journey- "Are we there yet?" As the time Saturday night was upon us, and I found myself standing at the Royal Doors holding a boy, candle in hand, for the Anastasis service, I remember thinking to myself, "There is no place that I would rather be right now. And there is absolutely nothing on this earth like the Christian Holy Week."

Since leaving my home almost a decade ago, I have had the privilege of experiencing Holy Week in three different places- the school chapel at Holy Cross seminary in Boston, my home parish at Nativity of Christ Church in Novato, and here in San Francisco, at Annunciation Cathedral, where I have often gone through a similar thought process that I did many years ago. And yet, year after year, no matter what joys, challenges or events are happening in my life, myself always arriving at the same conclusion. And each year, despite the "joyous fatigues" I'm ready to do it all over again. I'm certain that this is something very familiar to many children and adults, whether we have been an Orthodox Christian a year or a lifetime.

We have often heard the phrase "Feast of Feasts" to describe Pascha, and truly it is. Nowhere else in the history of mankind has a greater triumph ever been celebrated than the victory over death itself! By commemorating and experiencing Christ's life-saving Crucifixion and Resurrection, we celebrate that the King of kings, the Lord of lords Himself (Rev 17:14) "has overcome the world." He came to the earth, and, in taking on flesh, also took on our very weaknesses, in order to restore us to God.

our Creator and God. In doing so, we now have an "open door" to the Father, as was really, yet metaphorically, in the curtain of the Temple being torn in two. (Matthew 27: 45) We have been saved! We have been rejuvenated! We no longer have to fear death!

This Pascha 2012, let us once again cast aside the weakness of our human condition - weakness that makes us too weary to fast, to attend services, to question ourselves - and allow our hearts and minds to take flight. As we hear in Saint John Chrysostom's homily on the night of Pascha, all are welcome at the banquet, regardless of when they came. Yet, the more relationship, the more love, hard work, and effort we put into it, the more we will receive. The relationship with God is no different.

When the Feast of feasts once again is celebrated on April 15, let us continue celebrating merely Easter Sunday, but the entire week! Even though in America we don't have singing and feasting in town squares on Orthodox Easter as they do in Greece, we can still feel family during Bright Week, go out to dinner with our families or any other kind of celebration we think of, all the while chanting in our hearts and with our voices. As we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ, King of kings, our Lord and our God came to personally bring us, let us remember: "It is the Resurrection; let us then make ourselves resplendent for the festival and embrace another... Christ is Risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and bestowing life from the tombs."

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN SURPASSES \$2.3 MILLION

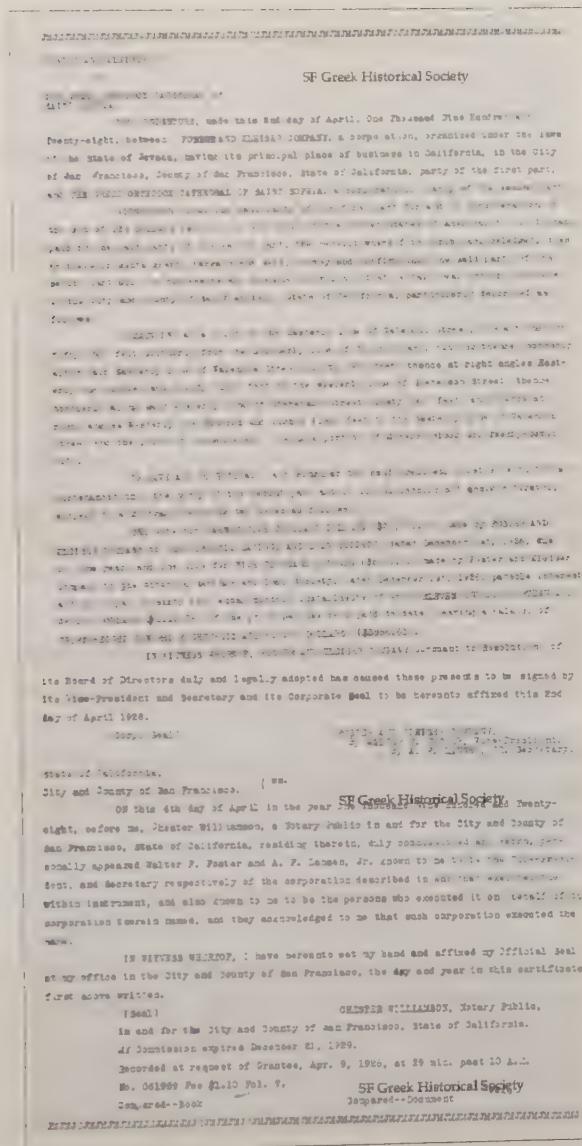
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Approximately \$1 million has been paid out so far, for architectural, engineering, consulting, and planning fees, leaving a \$5 million balance in the Building Fund. We need to build the Cathedral and one level of underground parking, leaving another \$4 million to be raised. We believe this is reasonable, since we have raised over \$2 million from only 10% of our community! Toward this end, the Capital Campaign Committee is calling families and individuals to scheduling visits with Fr. Anthony Scott and/or Fr. Stephen Kyriacou, Fr. Nikitas, along with a member of the Capital Campaign Committee. Father Scott will be at the cathedral April 23-May 7, 2012. During this time he will coordinate conference calls with committee members, conduct meetings of the Capital Campaign Committee, make visitations, and follow up with prospective donors. In addition, he will get the Legacy and Endowment Program and the Endowment Committee up and running. This will provide for post-construction and post-support, for the long-term well-being of the Cathedral. Father Anthony will visit the cathedral monthly basis for one week at a time, generally the first week of each month, through May 2012.

Meanwhile, we urge parishioners not to wait to be called. We urge them to take the initiative and set up a day and time when it is convenient for them to meet to learn about our project and the timetable for its completion, to participate in the Capital Campaign, to the extent to which they are able.

able, and/or to discuss their participation in the Cathedral's Legacy and Endowment Fund. We are blessed indeed that we have been the beneficiaries of those who established the community and who have provided for it these past 90 years of its existence. Now it is time to step up and declare what we will do for the generations that will follow us, mindful of what God spoke through Moses, when he said, "Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you" (Exodus 25:8)

KUDOS TO JIM LUCAS AND THE SF BAY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY



7/17/1921- Chris and Mary Katharios, James G. Glafkides, and C.D. Antoniades deed they purchased to the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of St. Sophia.

8/2/1921- Ernest and Ella M. Leigh purchase one of the lots for Fr. Philaretos Ioannid Sophia's first priest, to use as his home.

11/15/1922- Escrow closes on the sale of property at Hayes & Pierce Streets. Greek Cathedral of St. Sophia sells lot 1B to Ada V. Holly.

1/26/1924- Fr. Philaretos Ioannides was elevated to (the first) Bishop of the Chicago June 1, 1923. After his departure he deeded his home back to the people that purchased (E. M Leigh). He gave it back.

12/15/1924- Escrow closes on the sale of property at Hayes & Pierce Streets. Greek Cathedral of St. Sophia sells lot 1G to TR Sherman.

4/9/1928- Escrow closes on the sale of property on Valencia Street. Foster & Kleiser Valencia Street Theater to the Saint Sophia community.

1/30/1930- Escrow closes on the sale of property at Hayes & Pierce Streets. Greek Cathedral of St. Sophia sells another lot to California Pacific Title Co. California Pacific the property to Mandas Gross.

5/23/1930- Escrow closes on the sale of property at Hayes & Pierce Streets. Greek Cathedral of St. Sophia sells lot 1C to TP Shuman. At this point, all of the lots on Hayes streets have been sold off.

7/29/1935- Bank of America files a notice of default and election to sell. 12/3/1935- Escrow closes on the sale of property. Bank of America purchases the St. Sophia church for \$25,000.

12/30/1937- Escrow closes on the sale of property. The United Greek Orthodox Community of Francisco (The Annunciation) purchases the church back from Bank of America.

2012 Food Festival Preparation Underway!

Food festival preparations are underway for 2012! The new festival committee has now well-organized, very productive meetings already this year, under the capable leaders and Lea Lyberopoulos. Thank you to all who have attended these meetings and who I past festivals, as well. The next festival meeting is scheduled for March 28 at 7 pm. If you like to lend your time and talents to this year's food festival, we invite you to become a part of the planning process. We need everyone's help! Please email Lea and Bob at karthia808@gmail.com or at grk808@yahoo.com.

Byzantine Chant Class Now Offered at the Cathedral

Since last November, Byzantine chant classes have been offered once a month by Mr Haralabopoulos, assisted by his son, George Haralabopoulos. Our Cathedral commun

blessed for many years now to have Mr. Haralabopoulos, a very accomplished and w chanter, with us on major feast days of our Church, and it is a tremendous blessing to teaching to, God willing, our next generation of chanters. To date, four classes have taken some 5-8 students have attended the class at a given time. Since February, our comr also been blessed to have a new chanter with us at our services, Mr. Basil Crow, the Antiochian Orthodox priest in Rhode Island, who has recently moved to San Franctisc also taught Byzantine music in the past, and has not only begun attending Mr. Haralabopoulos class, but has expressed a willingness to tutor prospective students, as well.

Many, many thanks to Mr. Kosta & George, and Basil for their dedication and commitment to this beautiful new program. Classes will resume on Sunday, April 29, in the small conference room on the second floor following Divine Liturgy, and will continue on the third Sunday of every month that Basil is available to work, or any additional information, feel free to contact Mr. Haralabopoulos at georgehrlm@gmail.com.

San Francisco Sunday Streets Dates Announced

As you may have seen on many occasions in the past, the city of San Francisco organizes fairs, marathons, and other car-free events in various neighborhoods including the Mission District. These objectives of events such as these are to encourage health and fitness, clean air, and reduce traffic. That said, there have been times in the past when such events have directly inhibited automobile access to the Cathedral.

After coordinating our efforts with Livable City (a nonprofit that sponsors these events), we asked that the city provide uninhibited routes for cars to enter the church parking lot on Sunday Streets. Sunday Streets is taking place, and we have been guaranteed that we will be given the dates to note the following dates when Sunday Streets will be in the Mission district:

May 6 June 3 July 1 August 5

A street guide will be included in the Herald when we receive it. For more information, contact the Cathedral office at (415) 864-8000 should you have any questions.

NEW LIGHTING AT THE CATHEDRAL

Since March 1, the Cathedral has enjoyed new lighting in the gym, kitchen, offices, and throughout the building. Essentially, the old fluorescent light fixtures were replaced with new ones, featuring new energy-saving bulbs. This is especially noticeable in the gym. In addition, the hundreds of existing reflector bulbs throughout the building were replaced with energy-efficient LED bulbs. These new reflectors consume only 17 watts of power, while giving off light much brighter than that given off by the old reflectors. All this was accomplished by a grant from PG&E. It cost the Cathedral nothing, and the potential savings is enormous. It is estimated that we should be able to save as much as \$5,000.00 per month on our PG&E bill, which currently has been running just under \$5,000.00 a month. In addition, the expectancy of the LED fixtures is as much as 40 years. This means a great savings to the Cathedral over the long term.

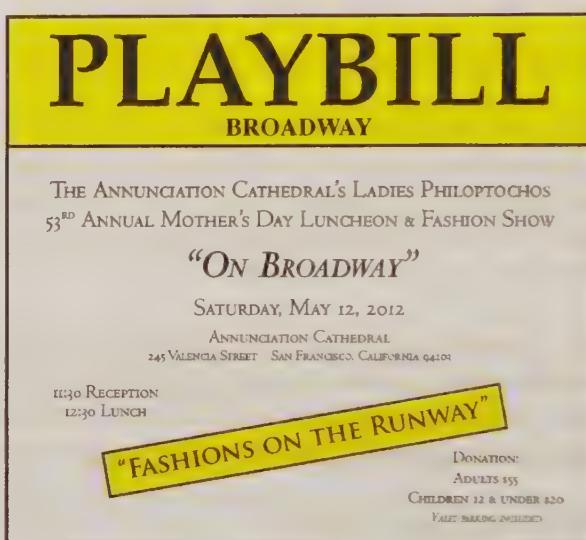
Philoptochos News

Greetings from Philoptochos! The members of Philoptochos wish all a blessed Pascha! The light of Anastasi shines brightly in all our hearts.

Our Philoptochos is growing. This month we welcome new member Maria Nicolakakis.

April and May are busy months for Philoptochos. Our Easter bake Sale is in progress.

We will be busy taking orders and preparing for pickup on Friday, April 13 (from 9am Saturday, April 14 (from 10am to 2pm)). Please take a moment to fill out the form that mailed to you. The form is also in the Herald. Our deadline date for orders is April 8; know you will enjoy all the bread, red eggs and koulourakia for your Easter festivities. of our bake go to Philoptochos charities which support those in need.



In May we are hosting our Mother's Day Luncheon on May 12, 2012 at the Annunciation Cathedral. This year's theme "ON BROADWAY" promises to be a great event as we honor Mothers of the Year. us as we present fashions on the runway in the Big Apple. Under the capable direction of Irene Kyriacou and her committee, this lovely day is being planned that you won't want to miss. So put the date on your calendar, ask friends to join you and enjoy a day of fun, music and fashion.

We would like to thank Anastasia Marios Stathopoulos for helping to organize the reception following vespers on March 24, 2012. In addition, our thanks go to Despina for her donation to provide the fish for our March 25th luncheon in honor of her late husband. Also, our thanks go to the donation provided by Joy Tamaras in honor of her late husband. May their memories be eternal!

As you can see our Philoptochos light shines brightly with service and leadership.

This quote by Edith Wharton reminds us -

"There are two ways of spreading light: to be a candle or a mirror that reflects it."

Kalo Pascha from all our Philoptochos members!

Patricia Aleck

Philoptochos President

APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE FOR THE CHRISTOS AND GEORGIA TRAKA FELLOWSHIP

Greetings In additions that to the scholarships that are offered at the Cathedral, applications for the Christos and Georgia Trakatellis Fellowship for the 2012-2013 academic year are now available from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. The deadline to submit application is April 20, 2012. The Christos and Georgia Trakatellis Fellowship Fund was established in 2011 by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios and his brother, Prof. Antonios Trakatellis in memory of their parents. The purpose of the fund is to offer Fellowships to graduates of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, who are planning to continue their studies in the Greek Hellenic culture and liturgical practice. This study could be part of an established Doctoral or Masters level program, or part of a free program, which, however, should be well structured and clearly defined, in view of the above stated purpose of the fund. These studies could be conducted here in the U.S., or preferably in Greece or the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Constantinople.

Candidates for The Christos and Georgia Trakatellis Fellowship shall be chosen based on merit and "need." The amount of the Fellowship is \$3,000 per semester for up to two semesters, totaling \$6,000. One or more full, or partial, Fellowships will be awarded annually. To obtain an application for the 2012-2013 academic year visit:

<http://www.goarch.org/archdiocese/administration/chancellor/trakatellis>

or contact the Office of the Chancellor of the Archdiocese (scholarships@goarch.org) at 774-0513. The application needs to be completed in full and together with all the necessary documentation, sent to the Chancellor's Office by the April 20, 2012 deadline. Applications will automatically guarantee an award. Each application will be considered individually in conjunction with the supporting documentation provided by each candidate.

A "Link" to Those in Need

Community Link, now in our eighth year of existence, is a group of Annunciation parishioners who meet once a month on a drop-in basis to visit members of our community who may be home bound due to illness or age. We travel to hospitals, nursing homes and private residences. Many of these individuals no longer have family or friends to support them and just need to know there is someone who cares. A short visit or phone call can lift one's spirits a great deal. If anyone in the congregation knows of any other home bound parishioners to add to our list, please contact Pauline Poetzel at poetzel@hotmail.com. Community Link will be making visits this month on April 7, the feast of Lazarus, beginning in the Cathedral Conference Room at 9 am.

Upcoming Community Link Meetings in 2012: April 7, May 19, June 16, and July 21.

IONIAN VILLAGE REGISTRATION OPENS FOR SUMMER 2012

Ionian Village, the summer camping ministry of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, is accepting registrations for its Summer 2012 programs. Operating from a beautiful sea side campsite on western Peloponnesus in Greece, Ionian Village brings its campers and counselors into contact with their faith and heritage as they travel throughout the country to sites of cultural and religious importance. Ionian Village offers two camping sessions: Summer Travel Camp and Byzantine Venture. Registration is open to Greek Orthodox youth who have completed grades 4 through 12.

through 12. This summer will also see the expansion of the Spiritual Odyssey program pilgrimage-style trips for young adults ages 19 to 28. Three unique programs are being offered.

For more information about any of the Ionian Village programs, or to participate in these programs, visit www.ionianvillage.org or contact the Office of Ionian Village at (212) 5...

It should be noted that the youth ministries offered by the Archdiocese have now been growing!) for the last fifteen years with rave reviews.

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Another encouraging step is the willingness of parishioners, who have already pledged and/given to the Capital Campaign to host receptions in their homes for approximately ten families who have not yet given to the Campaign. The purpose of the gathering is to give people the opportunity to ask questions and to learn more about the Campaign. No solicitations will be conducted at these gatherings. At the conclusion of the presentations, guests will be asked whether they would be willing to sit down with us, at a later time, to consider their participation.

Yet another encouraging step is that we have a Banquet Committee meeting on a regular basis, to plan a celebratory banquet, which will coincide with Groundbreaking and which will raise an additional \$1 million for the Campaign. Valerie Roumeliotis, immediate past president of the Metropolis of San Francisco Philoptochos, is chair of the Banquet Committee. We are very excited about the enthusiasm that is building up about the prospect of beginning construction on the Cathedral.

Meanwhile, we urge parishioners not to wait to be called, but to get involved. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to become builders of a church and, in this way, the guarantors of the Orthodox Faith for generations to come. Your names will be remembered in the diptychs as "blessed and ever-memorable founders and benefactors of this holy Church." More importantly, your names will be remembered in Heaven

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MORE FINDINGS BY JIM LUCAS AND THE SF BAY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Following up on last month's amazing findings by the San Francisco Bay Area Historical Society, a few more pictures been included for your perusal. Pictured is a photograph of Dick Mountanos at the United Coffee Company, 308 Sacramento Street, San Francisco, circa 1920. The photograph will be included in the society's next photo exhibition. Thank you!

New Parish Software Purchased- New Parish Listserv Coming Soon

After much discussion and consideration, last month our parish council approved the purchase of a new software tailored exclusively for Orthodox parishes. This new software, called "ParishSoft," will not only interface with our current Quickbooks database for pledges and all giving, but will be able to catalogue groups, ministries, family information, etc, in order to improve communication with our parishioners, as well as better financial statements and other such items. In addition, we are in the process of creating an update parish directory as well as a new parish listserver (list of emails for correspondence), in order to send the Herald and other announcements electronically. It should be noted, of course, that all information is confidential and not shared.

Many thanks to Nick Rally, Deno Konstantinidis, Dean Nicolacakis and Marcelo Souza for their assistance in this endeavor!

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Food festival preparations are underway for 2012! The new festival committee has now had three well-organized, very productive meetings already this year, under the capable leadership of Bob and Lea Lyberopoulos. Thank you to all who have attended these meetings and who have helped at past festivals, as well. If you would like to lend your time and talents to this year's food festival, we invite you to become a part of the planning process. We need everyone's help! Please email Lea and Bob at karthia808@yahoo.com or

at grk808@yahoo.com for information on the next meeting.

San Francisco Sunday Streets Dates Announced

As you may have seen on many occasions in the past, the city of San Francisco organizes outdoor fairs, marathons, and other car-free events in various neighborhoods including the Mission district. These objectives of events such as these are to encourage health and fitness, clean air, and less traffic. That said, there have been times in the past when such events have directly inhibited automobile access to the Cathedral.

After coordinating our efforts with Livable City (a non-profit that sponsors these events), we have asked that the city provide uninhibited routes for cars to enter the church parking lot on days that Sunday Streets is taking place, and we have been guaranteed that we will be given them. Please note the following dates when Sunday Streets will be in the Mission district:

May 6
June 3
July 1
August 5

A street guide will be included in the Herald when we receive it. For more information, feel free to contact the Cathedral office at (415) 864-8000 should you have any questions.

Byzantine Chant Class Now Offered at the Cathedral

Since last November, Byzantine chant classes have been offered once a month by Mr. Kostas Haralabopoulos, assisted by his son, George Haralabopoulos. Our Cathedral community has been blessed for many years now to have Mr. Haralabopoulos, a very accomplished and wonderful chanter, with us on major feast days of our Church, and it is a tremendous blessing to have him teaching to, God willing, our next generation of chanters. To date, four classes have been held, and some 5-8 students have attended the class at a given time. Since February, our community has also been blessed to have a new chanter with us at our services, Mr. Basil Crow, the son of an Antiochian Orthodox priest in Rhode Island, who has recently moved to San Francisco. Last month saw Basil hold a special tutoring session on April 22, and Mr. Haralabopoulos teach a class again on April 29.

Many, many thanks to Mr. Kosta & George, and Basil for their dedication and commitment to this beautiful new program. Classes will resume on Sunday, May 20, in the small conference room on the second floor following Divine Liturgy, and will continue on the third Sunday of every month. For times that Basil is available to work, or any additional information, feel free to contact George Haralabopoulos at georgehrlm@gmail.com.

APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

For 2012, the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation will provide three (3) scholarships, as follows:

1. The Andreas and Niki Coundouris Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000.
2. The Dr. Anthony P. Bagatelas Medical Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000., and
3. The Judge S. Lee Vavuris Legal Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000., and

For 2012, the Cathedral of the Annunciation Ladies Philoptochos will provide the following scholarship:

1. One (1) Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000. , for a total of four (4) scholarships, each in the amount of \$1,000. (Additionally, a scholarship in memory of Efrosine and Andrew Vellis will be awarded.

[Full information can be found in this pdf file.](#)

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Greetings from Philoptochos! The members of Philoptochos wish all a blessed Pascha and hope the light of Anastasi shines brightly in all our hearts.

Our Philoptochos is growing. This month we welcome new member Maria Nicolacakis.

April and May are busy months for Philoptochos. Our Easter bake Sale is in progress.

*Our
wonderful
volunteers
at this year's
Philoptochos
Easter Bake!*



We will be busy taking orders and preparing for pickup on Friday, April 13 (from 9am to 5pm) and Saturday, April 14 (from 10am to 2pm). Please take a moment to fill out the form that will be mailed to you. The form is also in the Herald. Our deadline date for orders is April 8, 2012. We know you will enjoy all the bread, red eggs and koulourakia for your Easter festivities. All proceeds of our bake go to Philoptochos charities which

support those in need.

In May we are hosting our Mother's Day Luncheon on May 12, 2012 at the Cathedral. This year's theme "ON BROADWAY" promises to great event as we celebrate and honor Mothers of the Year. Come join us as we present fashions on the runway of the Big Apple. Under the capable hands of Irene Kyriacou and her committee chairs, a lovely day is being planned that you won't want to miss. So put the date on your calendar, ask friends to join you and come enjoy a day of fun, music and fashion.

We would like to thank Anastasia and Marios Stathopoulos for helping underwrite the reception following vespers on March 24, 2012. In addition, our thanks go to Despina Kokalis for her donation to provide the fish for our March 25th luncheon in honor of her late husband Nick. Also, our thanks go to the donation provided by Joy Tamaras in honor of her late husband Nick. May their memories be eternal!

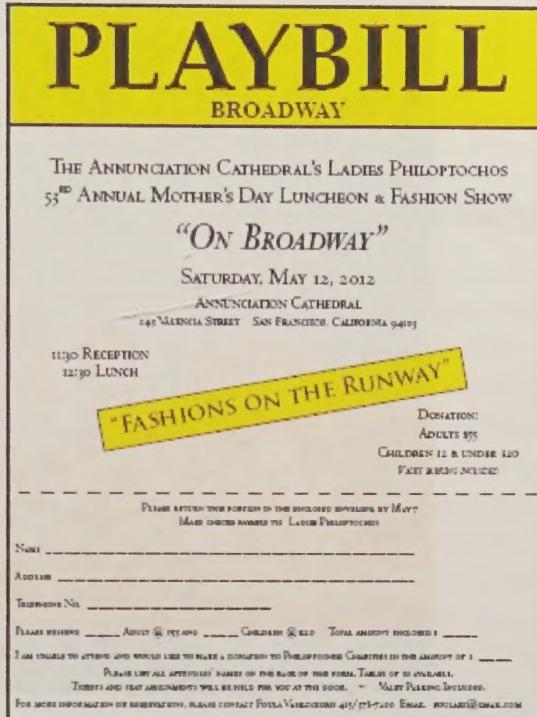
As you can see our Philoptochos light shines brightly with service and leadership. This quote by Edith Wharton reminds us - "There are two ways of spreading light: to be a candle or a mirror that reflects it."

Kalo Pascha from all our Philoptochos members!
 Patricia Aleck
 Philoptochos President

A "Link" to Those in Need

Community Link, now in our eighth year of existence, is a group of Annunciation parishioners who meet once a month on a drop-in basis to visit members of our community who may be confined due to illness or age. We travel to hospitals, nursing homes and private residences. Many of those we visit no longer have family or friends to support them and just need to know there is someone who cares. A short visit or phone call can lift one's spirits a great deal. If anyone in the community knows of any other home bound parishioners to add to our list, please contact Pauline Oetzel at poetzel@hotmail.com. Community Link will be making visits this month on May 19, the Saturday of Lazarus, beginning in the Cathedral Conference Room at 9 am.

Upcoming Community Link Meetings in 2012: May 19, June 16, and July 21.





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